Unauthorised Entrance in Reserved Compartments

806. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of passengers entering unauthorisedly into the reserved compartments is on the increase;

(b) if so, whether any complaints have been received in this regard; and

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). Some cases of unauthorised entry in reserved coaches have come to notice.

(c) The following steps have been/are taken to prevent entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches:-

i) Surprise checks and drives are conducted from time to time with the help of Government Railway Police and unauthorised passengers found travelling in reserved coaches are detrained and fined under the provision of the Railways Act. Wherever this problem is acute, coordination is established with GRP to enlist their assistance to prevent the same.

ii) Punishments are imposed on Conductors/Coach Attendants/ Travelling Ticket Examiners found responsible for dereliction of duty.

iii) Legal provision in the new Railways Act, 1989 have been made more stringent in as much as a fine upto Rs.500/- has been prescribed as against Rs. 20/- in the previous Act.

Electrification of Delhi-Lucknow Line

807. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to electrify the Delhi-Lucknow rail route (via Muradabad);

(b) if so, by what time the work is likely to be started; and

(c) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Ticketless Travelling in Delhi

808. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the number of passenger travelling without tickets in suburban trains in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to check ticketless travelling specially in E.M.U. trains and the extent of success achieved in this regard during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b). While the extent of ticketless travel in the suburban trains of